

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TRIPOL 00591 270931Z

12

ACTION AF-06

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-10 ISO-00 PM-03 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15

CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 DODE-00 L-03 EB-07 MC-02 /073 W

----- 071867

R 27074Z MAY 75

FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2229

INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0591

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MR, LY, UR

SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. ON SOVIET INFLUENCE
IN LIBYA

REF: STATE 121687 (NOTAL)

THE EVEN-KEELED MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR APPEARS TO US TO BE LISTING A BIT TO STARBOARD IN BLAMING U.S. POLICY FOR WHAT HE CALLS THE SOVIET BUILDUP IN LIBYA. THE WEAPONS LIBYANS ARE BUYING FROM THE SOVIETS ARE ESSENTIALLY OFFENSIVE, NOT DEFENSIVE. LIBYANS HAVE BEEN DITHERING IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S. CONTRACTORS OVER SUPPLY OF AN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS. THE MAJOR SOVIET-LIBYAN ARMS AGREEMENT DATES BACK TO MAY, 1974, WELL BEFORE SO-CALLED U.S. THREATS AGAINST OIL PRODUCERS. AS DEPT AWARE, IN OUR VIEW ARAB NEIGHBORS WHO OUGHT TO BE CONCERNED BY SOVIET ARMS DEAL TO LIBYA ARE THOSE TO EAST, NOT TO WEST.
STEIN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** CONFIDENTIAL

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY CAPABILITIES, MILITARY SALES, NEGOTIATIONS, SPHERE OF INFLUENCE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 27 MAY 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975TRIPOL00591
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: D750184-0649
From: TRIPOLI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750593/aaaagryp.tel
Line Count: 56
Locator: TEXT ON MICROFILM, TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 121687
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 18 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <18 JUN 2003 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <19 JUN 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> jms 971010
Subject: MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. ON SOVIET INFLUENCE IN LIBYA
TAGS: PFOR, LY, MR, UR
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006